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WARNING AGAINST PROVOCATION

The Communist Party of Illinois has released the following statement:

A number of inquiries have been made to our office, pertaining to letters that have been received by people, charging Jay Schaffner, a leader of the YWLL in Illinois, Sylvia Kushner, a leader of

the Chieago Peace Council, and Gil and Robbilee Terry, owners of the Guild Book Shop and distributors of progressive and Marxist literature, as FBI and police agents. These letters have all been mailed from Berwyn, Illinois, and are signed "Chieagoland Committee to Expose Police Spies, Informants and Provocators."

It is no accident that the four above-mentioned people have been selected, against whom lies and slander are being spread. These people are activists and some are leaders in the peace movement, and the youth movement, in the struggle against racism, constantly exposing red-baiting and anticommunism.

The sponsors of this provocation do not have the guts to identify themselves, but feel free to spread falsehoods and remain anonymous. We declare that these letters could be the work of racist, rightist agent-provocateurs, the CIA, FBI or Red Squad agents, aimed at discrediting and sowing suspicion against some of the most active freedom fighters.

This is a revival of methods used on a widespread scale during the McCarthy period. The Illinois Communist Party ealls attention to these shameful and sneaky attacks, and urges all decent people to be on guard against such provocations.

—JACK KLING, co-chairman, Communist Party of Illinois

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REP. CHISHOLM IN NORTH CAROLINA

Shirley Chisholm, Black eongresswoman from New York, in her campaign speech in Asheville, N. C., on May 3, seemed to be challenging the system but says she works within the system.

She is truly a charming and remarkable person, with intellectual powers to match her other assets, and she gripped the interest and sympathy of her audience immediately.

Considering that if she came out to radically alter faltering capitalism electorally, she would never have gotten the endorsement of the Democratic Party to speak at the very portals of the county eourthouse in Asheville, it was still a courageous message she delivered to a crowd of about 500, Black and white.

But while the Communists are being harassed and actually persecuted right and left in this very county (with a sheriff who is a former C.I.A. man) for their efforts to get on the ballot in North Carolina, her words produced a little nostalgia in some of her listeners for that illusive thing we call democracy (now famishing) in America.

The Democratic Party will, no doubt, turn a

deaf ear to most of her proposals (which eertainly show up some of the desperate needs of the Blacks, the poor, and others in this country), just as the bulk of the news media pretends no such person, a woman—and Black, at that—is running for President of these United States.

She deserves the attention of the press of the Left, nonetheless, just because she is a woman and Black, but also because she really speaks up even within the framework of eapitalism with verve and conviction of need for change.

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HAITIANS ORGANIZING

Last Sunday, June 6th, I attended a meeting of Haitians in Jamaica, Queens, which adopted a constitution for their newly-formed organization the "Union Patriotique Haitienne."

The draft constitution presented and read by Colonel Pierre Armand, the initiator of the movement, was unanimously adopted with minor modifications following a long discussion in which a majority of the attendants participated.

Colonel Armand then proposed, and it was aecepted, that the next meeting be a joint one with all other Haitian groups in New York State for the purpose of organizing a mass protest against the presence of U.S. warships in Haitian waters. He said the protest would also be against the shady maneuvers of the State Department aimed at a defacto annexation of Haiti through the medium of the C.I.A. and Ambassador Clinton E. Knox.

The meeting ended in a very high spirit of determination to carry on until Haiti is free again.

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ANOTHER REICHSTAG ATTEMPT

The bombing of the Capitol building has all the earmarks of a crude reincarnation of the burning of the Reichstag three and a half decades ago.

Then the nazis on the verge of seizing power in Germany, but lacking public support, eraved for some dramatic event to give them a boost. Hitler boisterously proclaimed that the destruction of the Capitol building was the incendiary contrivance of communists.

Now the hawks in this country find themselves ideologically bankrupt. The large majority of the people believe that most of the high ranking military, including the CIA, are war criminals. The war mongers are in desperate need of some dramatic occurence to give them a boost. The bombing of the capitol is such an event. There are amongst them unscrupulous agents assiduously striving to shift the onus onto their political opponents.

The nazis, notwithstanding their unprincipled use of power, were unable to secure the conviction of Georgi Dimitrov, the Bulgarian communist leader, whom they had singled out to be the scapegoat. Instead, in the course of the trial, and of time, the nazis themselves were exposed as the perpetrators of the crime.

In the course of events it will become clear that the Capitol building bombing is the contrivance of provocateurs with the perverse intent of discrediting the peace movement. Thus instead of vindicating their nefarious undertakings they will become further besmirched and their effectiveness still more eroded. It is time for the astute and patriotic citizens who love our country to stop this underhandedness and prevent further loss of prestige and the contempt of world opinion.

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